

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 23, 1865.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

AN ACT

Further to provide for the verification of invoices.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That all consular officers of the United States be, and they
4 are hereby, authorized to require before certifying any invoice
5 or invoices under the provisions of the first section of the act
6 entitled "An act to prevent and punish frauds upon the
7 revenue, to provide for the more certain and speedy collection
8 of claims in favor of the United States, and for other pur-
9 poses," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-
10 three, satisfactory evidence, either by the oath of the person
11 or persons presenting such invoices or otherwise, that such in-
12 voices are correct and true: *Provided*, That in the exercise
13 of the discretion hereby given, the said consular officers shall
14 be governed by such general or special regulations or instruc-
15 tions as may from time to time be established or given by the
16 Secretary of State.

Passed the House of Representatives February 23, 1865.

Attest:

EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk.*